

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 14, 2016**

Mayor Pro-Tem Curt Rye, Jr., Council members, Ginger Dukes, Beau Powell, and Shell Suber were present, along with City Administrator Mark Williams, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Andy Smith, Police Chief Gene Sealy and City Attorney Lee Holloway. Mayor Frank Brunson was absent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rye called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rye introduced General George Goldsmith (Ret.) and Cmd. Sgt. Major Marty Wells (Ret.). General Goldsmith made a brief presentation regarding Fort Jackson's 2017 centennial celebration and introduced Cmd. Sgt. Major Wells. Mr. Wells who discussed concepts in the design of the proposed Centennial Park commemorating Fort Jackson's US Army history.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Dukes led the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING—2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Attorney Holloway called the public hearing to order at 5:15 p.m.

Attorney Holloway stated that the public hearing was to entertain questions, comments or concerns regarding the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Holloway asked Administrator Williams to communicate his presentation of the budget to Council and the audience. Mr. Williams reported that FY 2016-2017 is the eighth consecutive year that the millage rate remains at forty-seven mils. Mr. Williams and Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Andy Smith illustrated that the city's increase in expenditures over time and revenue changes. With nothing further Attorney Holloway closed the public hearing on the 2016-2017 FY Budget at 5:49 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. City Council Meeting held April 12, 2016 and Special Council Meeting held May 18, 2016
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

- a. TPAC Report- No report given.
- b. Pinetree Park-City Administrator reported that the request for proposals will be published on the South Carolina Business Office website and bids are due by August 9, 2016.
- c. Responses to Community Forum Items- none

4. New Business:

- a. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, SOUTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING AND CONSENTING TO THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT WITHIN A PORTION OF THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. (Lower Rocky Ford Lake)
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the resolution.
- b. FARMA request for funds to participate in area Restaurant Week promotion
Administrator Williams said that the funds would be to fund marketing for restaurants in the area. Council asked Administrator Williams to defer until FARMA representatives are available to present more detailed information about the promotion.
- c. Request for a street lights at 3428 Willow Ridge; 201 Juarez Ct.
Administrator Williams related the information regarding the street light requests. Following a discussion regarding the possible location of streetlights and removal of tree limbs Council asked Mr. Williams to check with the neighbors of the Juarez Ct. area prior to council's further consideration.

- d. Approve engineering proposal of Chao and Associates for design of repair Forest Lake Place Bridge repair
Administrator Williams stated that the engineering proposal would cost \$5,000.00.
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the funds.
- e. Under disaster declaration conditions, appoint Indigo Construction to perform EWP debris removal and retaining wall restoration on Gills Creek.
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Indigo Construction.

5. Old Business:

- a. Second Reading (as Amended), AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FOREST ACRES, BE AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION PROVIDING FOR THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.
On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- b. First Reading, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FOREST ACRES, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.152.2, GENERAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR AN EXPIRATION OF TREE PERMITS; AND, BE FURTHER AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.152.3 LAND DISTURBANCE ACTIVITY, ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR AN EXPIRATION OF LAND DISTURBANCE PERMITS.
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- c. Continuation of cleaning services contract for 12 months with Chavco Services, Inc.
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the contract continuation.

6. City Administrator Report:

- a. "Movie" issue at Citadel Park
Administrator Williams said that a banner advertising a movie night was found hanging in Citadel Park on two consecutive days. It was determined to be a prank and aggravated neighbors were informed of the situation.
- b. Audit proposals for FY2017-18
Administrator Williams related that over the last couple of years several auditing firms have expressed interest in providing services for the City of Forest Acres. After discussion Council agreed to request proposals for an audit of this fiscal year.
- c. SCDOT Stakeholders meetings
Administrator Williams said that he and Mayor Brunson attended the meeting at which DOT discussed various proposed improvements metro area segments of 1-77, I-26 and I-20. SCDOT will forward information as it becomes available.
- d. Political signs
Administrator Williams said that as usual during an election season there are complaints regarding temporary political signs that are too large in order to comply with the city's rather limiting regulations. He asked city council to again investigate the possibility of standardizing the city's regulation of political signs with those of Richland County for consistency. Attorney Holloway is to look into this matter.

7. Police Chief's Report:

Police Chief Sealy reported on members of the department attending events in honor of fallen law enforcement officers at the National Police Memorial in Washington DC during National Police Week in May 2016. Chief Sealy said it was a somber and dignified event at which to honor Forest Acres' own Greg Alia, killed in the line of duty on September 30, 2015.

8. Community Forum:

Resident Bob Moore asked about a derelict property at the corner of Dalloz and John Francis Court, that had been the subject of a recent re-zoning. Administrator Williams said he would contact the purchaser to determine the reason for the delay in demolition of the existing structure.

9. Council Items:

No items to report.

10. Executive Session: Legal briefings related to Forest Lake Place Bridge ROW agreements

11. Adjourn:

With no action taken in Executive Session and there being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes at 6:35 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres